

**Bromley Heath  
Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter  
Spring 17 Edition  
'Working Together, Keeping You Safe.'**

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**Current Vandalism and ASB cycle impacts BH**

The Chair of the Watch recently wrote on social media after a run of worrying reports and a balancing good news story, as follows below. The content is still relevant and worth repeating as further incidents are being reported. **BUT before we do, look out especially for the content now highlighted especially in BOLD on page 2. Will YOU engage and get involved? Active surveillance, reporting and being prepared to make a statement are needed:**

The weekend is here! It is great to read balancing good news on the majority of teenagers' behaviour. Sadly though, those who are challenging at the moment may be out and about around the area this weekend.

It happens in cycles, so this isn't new for Bromley Heath. What's needed to stop this cycle is a recognition that if the Police don't catch them in the act, or we can't provide good evidence and will back it up with statements, the laws we vote for don't allow for much else than the Police and Council are already doing. As previously explained they are ratcheting things up to remedy the position as quickly as possible. Many letters to parents have gone out and visits carried out. This is putting off the 'hangers on' already. Next the easily led are under pressure and are in the process of being put right now.'

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**Street lights to stay on overnight**

Following the news that S. Glos council has decided the above we contacted National NW to get their view on the Street Lighting issue. They suggested more lighting = less crime, and her other resources seem to suggest that more lighting at least reduces the perception if not the actual crime.

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**Safer Downend & Bromley Heath (Traffic) Group/BHNW Viaduct Roadworks:**

A major challenge to our community safety looks set to be cut from 52 to about 33 weeks while work on the above is done, if the West of England Partnership approves additional funds.

S Glos council are developing a local traffic plan for the duration of the work and have held a series of engagement events with residents, employers and commuters to discuss views on their proposed traffic measures during the duration of the work. A second series of events will happen when they have finalised the traffic management plan in June. More information can be found here: <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/.../major-.../bromley-heath-viaduct/>

We'll let you know when we hear anything more.

Do please let your contact person and your co-ordinator know if something has happened that has been reported direct to the Police.

This is important because it helps us build a picture too and work with the Police to remedy things. Where appropriate we also make contact with the victims.

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## Vandalism and ASB cycle impacts BH

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There is a hardcore, some of whom will stop in compliance with the formal acceptable behaviour contracts entered into. However, it appears the last handful will have to be locked up to get to them. They are prepared to have a criminal record and by the way their parents don't get it and don't care at one end of the scale and at the other are like many of us would be, mortified by their child's behaviour and at a loss what to do. I go back to my point above - evidence needed!

**So, as I've advocated recently, will you join in and change your approach this evening and beyond to perhaps regularly check on what's happening back and front from a darkened window and ring 101 if there's anything suspicious going on and/or anti-social shouting and swearing? Or if there's a crime in progress, or just happened and there they are leaving, ring 999? Don't give yourself away if indoors with any lighting, including your mobile phone. Do have your postcode ready to give immediately. Give as good a description as possible as to what's what and ask them to log to Neighbourhood Watch and for your log number.**

**We can turn this round together. Get in touch if we can help more?'**

Footnote: Please remember that young people are an important part of our community and they should be able to meet their friends in public places just like the rest of us. Any behaviour which leads to damage, or harassment, alarm or distress is simply not acceptable - but it's only a minority of teenagers who cause such problems.

It's still important to tell us, police or the council, if you're affected by ASB. You can report incidents by calling the police on 101 or use their website. Alternatively ring the council's ASB team on 01454 868582 or e-mail them.

If a crime is taking place or someone could get hurt, always call 999 immediately.

### Slithery issue

A resident brought to our attention recently that he had found a snake in his garden and had captured it alive and traced its owner. He identified it as an American Corn Snake. Apparently it was kept as a pet at a house nearby and had escaped several weeks ago.

We mention it in this edition as we agree that the owners could have let people living in the vicinity know of it living in a wild state together with its dangers ie, constricting other small creatures, by asking us to publicise on social media.

**VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!**  
**Heathfest** need you. Help is wanted with Marshalling on the day and displaying M Coleman advertising boards for the event in your garden on the run up. Let us know if you can help and we'll pass it on?

### Street lights to stay on overnight

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It was put to the Parish, with reference to the Summer 2013 newsletter that suggested less lighting meant less crime. The message came from SGC originally, when part-night lighting was introduced. SGC retracted it and opted for a 'no effect' stance. As a summary, it appears:

"more lighting = less crime" (NNW's College of Policing survey.)

"more lighting = less perception of crime" (Jayne's 2nd resource.)

"no effect" (SGC's current position. Guardian article's position.)

"less lighting = less crime" (supported by nobody anymore.)

Conclusion: more lighting will have somewhere between no effect and a positive effect and so should be happy with SGC's latest move on crime and community safety grounds.



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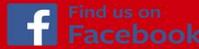
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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW PCSO

Hi, I'm Emily – your new PCSO (well, since December!)

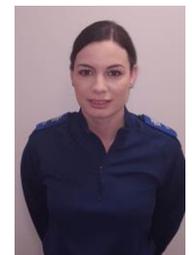
I have come from the communications department at HQ where I was a call handler for 3 years ( taking 999 calls ) and then a dispatcher for 4 years, so I have a bit of police experience ...

I have wanted to be a PCSO for the last 2 years and was finally accepted on the course in October 2016. I loved the idea of being able to speak to people face to face instead of over the telephone/radio, not being stuck at a desk for 10 hours a day and just to be out in the community trying to make a difference and help people.

Since I started my new role in December, I have dealt with so much more than I ever imagined ! I absolutely love my Job and I feel extremely lucky to have the Downend and Siston beat !

Outside of work, I am an animal lover and will spend a lot of my time with my 2 horses and dog.

I am looking forward to meeting more of the local residents and tackling the issues within the community, together with the rest of the Beat Team.



EMBER INNS



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Avon Fire and Rescue have an excellent website providing all manner of useful advice from tumble dryers catching alight to seasonal top tips. Here's one of their's for summer on BBQs:

Keep a bucket of water/sand or a hose nearby for emergencies. Follow safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues. Never use a barbecue indoors.

Never leave a barbecue unattended.

Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.

Use enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue, but not more (normally around 5cms or 2 inches).

Keep children, pets and garden games away from the cooking. After cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before moving it. Empty ashes onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire. Enjoy yourself, but don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the barbecue.

Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue; use only recognised lighters or starter fuels on cold coals.

Visit: <http://avonfire.gov.uk/>

### Why it's important to mark your property

We'd like to remind you why it's important to make sure your property is identifiable!

The Police charged a man from Emerson's Green with handling stolen goods after he was found in possession of a bicycle which had been stolen in a burglary in Clifton.

Marking your bike and its parts with your postcode, recording the serial number and keeping a photograph of it will all help to identify it as yours should the police seize it. You can record the details on the national property database [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

This all deters thieves because there is proof who the rightful owner is. And it's worth taking care when buying a second-hand bike – if it turns out to be stolen you'll lose the bike, the money you paid for it and could face prosecution for handling stolen goods.

**Community Engagement Forum.** The next one is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017** at 7.00 pm Emerson's Green Village Hall.

**BHNW CHARTER:** Consultation has closed on our draft – thanks for the feedback. We'll consider it at our May meeting and then publish the finished article to our social media/ website. We'll also let the Parish have a copy for information.

## IT PAYS TO STOP AND THINK

- 1 Never disclose security details
- 2 Don't assume an email, text or phone call is genuine
- 3 Don't be rushed
- 4 Listen to your instincts
- 5 Stay in control



**ActionFraud**  
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre  
0300 123 2040

Action Fraud is not an emergency service  
dial 999 if you are in immediate danger.

The Police are advising residents to be wary of spam emails after a significant increase of emails specifically designed to get the recipients to click on links within them.

Examples of the type of subject matter are:

- Receipt for Your Payment to...
- Invoice 69720 from ...
- Your online payment has been received

Be wary of any emails pertaining to be from UPS or FedEx relating to parcel deliveries, and of those claiming to be from HMRC offering tax refunds. Be careful of opening any email you aren't expecting and delete any that are obviously bogus.

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With summer holidays fast approaching, individuals are often more exposed to travel booking frauds when looking for last minute package deals / cheap flights. Whether paying upfront for a family holiday or simply booking a flight, payments are transferred only to discover that the holiday / airline ticket does not exist and was sold to you by a bogus travel company. Fraudsters will often lure in potential customers with low prices and 'one time only' offers that are simply too good to pass up, requesting payment by the preferred method of direct bank transfer.

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If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

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**GOOD LUCK:** We wish Leanne and the team all the best and look forward to them making a positive contribution to our community at the new café on Quakers Rd opening soon.

**This is real and we like it:** FakeTV gives the appearance that you are home watching TV, by creating the sort of light that a real TV produces.

Argos had them for £20 recently. Other suppliers are available!



### Farewell Alan Smith

It was with great sadness we learnt of Alan's, (middle) death recently. He was a great servant of the community and was a contact point and co-ordinator looking after the Heath sector and was chair of BHNW too. Most notably he captured our constitution during his tenure – no mean feat at the time! His service of over 15 years was recognised in 2008 with the presentation of a certificate and other items. As ever, Alan was humble and gracious in thanking us for the recognition.





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<b>Anti-Social Behavior</b>	<b>Nov 16:</b> Bromley Heath Rd, Wedgewood Rd, Bromley Heath Playing Field x2 and 1 with a weapon. <b>Dec 16:</b> Sandringham Ave, Quaker's Rd, Greenleaze x2, Bury Hill View. <b>Jan:</b> Heath Court x2, Four Acre Rd x2, Q'holm Ave, Quaker's Rd, Greenleaze, B H PI Field. <b>Feb:</b> Heath Walk, F'acre Rd x2, W'wood Rd, B H PI Field.
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>Nov 16:</b> Glendale, Queensholm Ave. <b>Dec 16:</b> Cleeve Ave, B'minton Rd. Jan Oakdale Court.
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	<b>Dec 16:</b> Badminton Rd x2. <b>Feb:</b> S'ham Ave, Sandholme Close x2, Downleaze, Q'holm Close, Q'kers Rd, Q'holm Cresc.
<b>Other Theft</b>	<b>Dec 16:</b> Glendale, Scantleberry Close, Bury Hill View.
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Nov 16:</b> Badminton Rd x2, Queensholm Close. <b>Jan:</b> Cleeve Court, Heath Walk, Wedgewood Rd. <b>Feb:</b> Cleeve Ave, Greenleaze.
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Nov 16:</b> Badminton Rd. <b>Dec 16:</b> Badminton Rd, Chantry Lane. <b>Jan:</b> B'minton Rd, Baugh Gdns, Q'holm Ave, B Hill View. <b>Feb:</b> Heath Court. Feb: S'and Ave x2, Downleaze, Q'holm Close
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>Nov 16:</b> Wedgewood Rd

We are now Beat CN 201.

Data is from: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk): Nov 16 to Feb 17 (by postcode)

### Incidents are On or Near the locations stated.

**NB: data for Windsor Court flawed and excluded. Glendale includes nearby open space. Definitions:** **Anti-social** includes personal and environmental and public order. **Burglary** entering a building with the intention of stealing. **Criminal damage** to buildings and/or vehicles. **Theft** of bicycles or from the person. **Vehicle** theft from/of/interference with. **Violent** crime against the person and sexual offences.

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Useful Numbers	Your Post Code: BS_ _ _ _ _
Police Main Switchboard	101
In Emergencies Only	999
Emergency text for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and speech impaired people	80999
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Victim Support	08081 689 111
<a href="http://www.victimsupport.org.uk">www.victimsupport.org.uk</a>	
Street Care: (Litter, Lighting, Pavements, Graffiti, etc.)	01454 868 000
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Handy Van Service	01454 863857
BHNW	01179 563325
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Please tag calls as NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH when ringing the Police.	

### Emergency Calls – When to call 999 - only to be used in an emergency. The police should only be called on 999 when:

- There is a danger to life or a risk of injury being caused imminently. Examples include serious road accidents, assaults or serious disorders.
- A crime is in progress. Examples include assault, burglary, and theft or if an offender is still on scene, or has just left the scene.
- Police attendance is required immediately such as to prevent a breach of peace, someone acting suspiciously or someone who is about to commit an offence.

### Non-emergency calls – When to call the 101 number.

An operator is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to deal with your enquiry. This number should be used for all other enquiries, advice on police matters and to report crimes which have already happened, where there is no sign of an offender.

**Do ask them to put it's a NW call (tagging) on the computer system for both please and have your postcode ready from the start of your call.**



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